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DISTRICT #5

District No. 5 was organized in 1869 and included Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 22, 23 and the East 1/2 of Sections 9 and 16 of Township 13, Range 9. In 1869 Mary E. Johnson taught a term of 6 months. She had 19 pupils and her salary was \$15.00 per month.

The 1870-71 term of 8 months was taught by J. T. Milner with a salary of \$33.75.

The boundaries of the district were changed in 1873, 1878 and 1879.

In 1886 the District No. 5 census showed 75 children between the ages of 5 and 20. In 1898 66 pupils were attending school.

The following is an account of the Reunion held on Sunday, May 11, 1975:

"Sunday's "Good Old Days" reunion at School District #5 north of Ashland attracted 284 people.

After a bountiful picnic dinner the crowd gathered outside for a short informal program. Mrs. Donald Washburn, the teacher and the present pupils greeted the guests with a "School Days Song". They explained how their social studies lesson had given birth to the idea of this reunion and they were so glad it was such a big success.

A brief review of the school's past was given. It was officially organized in 1869. Descendants of the first board members, O.C. Hall and W.A. Sanders were Mrs. Lucille Sanders Keiser, Clarence Sanders, Richard Hall, Colleen Hall Schneider, Ruby Hall Strode, Elmer Hall, Ben Hall and Elnora Hall Vosler.

Dr. Richard Hall who is with the Lincoln Public Schools gave a short response. He said that a lot of the new concepts of education such as the open classroom, head start and individualized instruction are not really new because District No. 5 had them long before they became "fashionable." "Today", he said, "we are honoring the memory of all of our ancestors who contributed to the education and lives of the community of today."

Special recognition was given to the following: oldest man present and also the oldest school board member, Chris Kolb who will be 90 on July 4; oldest boy student, Elmer Hall, 78; oldest girl students, Hazel Scott, 75, and Gladys Scott Churchill, 73, both of Lincoln; board member with the longest service, Ed Scheuneman, 18 years; teacher the longest

ago, Mrs. Otis (Marie Lohry) Ballou, 1930; Teacher the most years, Mrs. Ed (Mabel) Scheuneman, 6 years in two different terms, and Mrs. Lucille (Mrs. Lloyd) Martin, 5 years; Mrs. Alvina Wischmann was the mother of 6 former students, and Mrs. Louis Deleski had the most family members in attendance. Another family well represented was the Nordstroms, with 6 of the 12 children of the late Grant Nordstrom present. Seven of Mr. Kolb's children were former students.

Coming from quite a distance to the reunion were Mrs. Thelma Robinson Anderson of Denver and Mrs. Irvin (June Nordstrom) Weigle of St. Louis.

Other former board members present besides Mr. Kolb and Mr. Scheuneman were Don Thomas, 13 years; Robert Mason 11 years; Otis Ballou, 11 years; Richard Clark, 10 years; Edgar Kolb, 9 years; Guy McReynolds, Harvey Jacobs, Louie Deleski and Tom Deleski, 6 years; Glen Newsham and Bernard Hanson, 5 years; and Earl Ballou, 1 year.

The present board members, Bob Mason, Bernard Hanson, and Tom Deleski and their wives assisted with the reunion.

Letters were read from those who could not attend, old pictures were shown and pleasant memories were recalled. Ice cream, cake, iced tea and coffee were served. "

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 14, Township 13, Range 9
Clear Creek Precinct
3 miles North, 1 mile West of Ashland

School Board - Bob Mason
 Thomas W. Deleski
 Bernard Hanson

Teacher - Merna Washburn

Pupils

Debra Moessner	Scott Ellinger
Matthew Osburn	Gary Hanson
Rodney Vosler	Douglas Moessner
Bruce Wischmann	Timothy Deleski
Linda Grell	Robert Ellinger
Sheryl Moessner	Lori Grell
Joseph Deleski	